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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph Nguyen

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joseph Nguyen.

(3) _____.

(2) Jerome Massie.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 21 January 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed the proposed amendment to claim 1 so as to better define the claim language and to structurally distinguish from the prior art therein. The Examiner acknowledges that the proposed amendment would raise a new issue since it is after Final Rejection. However, the Examiner will fully consider the amendment when officially filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 11/27/2002.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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